



Vocational Education Equipment 2006-07 LAO Proposal

- We recommend appropriating \$52 million in one-time Proposition 98 funds for K-12 and community college vocational education equipment. Funds would be spent according to a plan developed jointly by each community college and the Regional Occupational Center/Programs and school districts within the college attendance area.

Proposed Provisional Language

(a) Of the amount appropriated in this item, \$52 million is for purchasing new equipment for vocational programs in community colleges, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROC/Ps), and K-12 districts. The Chancellor of the community colleges shall allocate these funds to community colleges, with (1) half allocated in proportion to each college's total number of full-time equivalent students (FTES) plus the total attendance at high schools and ROC/Ps in the college's service area, and (2) half allocated in proportion to the total vocational course enrollment at each college, high school and middle school, and ROC/P in its service area.

(b) Prior to expending these funds, each community college, with full participation of districts serving high school students and ROC/Ps in the area served by the community college, shall develop a joint plan for allocating the equipment funds among the college, ROC/Ps, high schools and middle schools. The plan shall identify the equipment needs of the different agencies in creating articulated sequences of academic and vocational courses that help high school students access community college vocational programs. At least 50 percent of funds provided in subdivision (a) shall be dedicated to meeting this need. The remaining funds may be spent on other vocational equipment needs.

(c) Colleges shall submit their joint plans to the Superintendent and the Chancellor by January 1, 2007. The chancellor, with the concurrence of the Superintendent, shall reduce by 30 percent the allocation for any college that does not have a joint plan that received the approval of all participating parties by that date. The chancellor shall redistribute these funds to colleges with approved plans in proportion to the original allocation made pursuant to subdivision (a). Colleges without a joint plan shall, after January 1, 2007, distribute the remaining allocation to each community college, ROC/P, and K-12 district serving high school students in proportion to the allocation made in subdivision (a).